

Week Ending September 14, 1997

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 14, 1997. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting corn, cotton, rice and sorghum. Soil moisture conditions were rated 17 percent very short, 37 percent short, and 44 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Mature	99	88	100	97					
	Grain Harvested	66	49	61	54	2	4	18	61	15
	Silage Harvested	94	86	97	91					
Cotton	Open Bolls	57	36	92	79	1	7	24	58	10
	Harvested	4	---	8	4					
Rice	Mature	74	51	84	80	0	1	21	62	16
	Harvested	33	12	57	44					
Sorghum	Turning Color	97	93	100	98					
	Mature	88	82	96	89	2	8	27	60	3
	Grain Harvested	40	24	78	60					
	Silage Harvested	67	61	78	76					
Soybeans	Blooming	99	98	100	100					
	Setting Pods	96	92	100	99	2	6	22	56	14
	Turning Color	66	32	69	54					
	Shedding Leaves	40	23	50	31					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	90	88	94	95	1	8	25	57	9
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	11	8	30	36	0	1	17	73	9
Peanuts	Harvested	40	29	11	18	0	0	19	80	1
Cattle						0	4	20	61	15
Pasture						2	14	28	50	6

### County Agent Comments

"Corn harvest is winding down; about 20 percent of the milo has been harvested, while rice harvest is beginning. Producers will start applying defoliation to cotton this week."

— Mack Young, Quitman County

"Corn harvest is underway, and yields are looking good. After recent rains, farmers were able to plant winter forage crops."

— Steve Richardson, Tate County

"Last week's rain improved pastures, hay, and late-planted soybeans. Excellent pasture growth this summer is producing heavier weaning weights on calves. Cotton is opening and the potential yield continues to improve."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Corn harvest has gotten underway. Dry conditions in most of the county are helping corn and cotton mature; however, soybeans may suffer."

— Fred W. Rose, Webster County

"Farmers need a good general rain to provide moisture for commercial vegetable growth, peanut harvesting and pasture preparation for winter grazing."

— Roger D. Jones, Perry County

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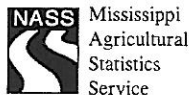
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# Weather Summary from September 8, 1997 to September 14, 1997 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale						1.20		1	1.47				
Cleveland						0.21	-0.56	1	1.36				
Tunica				75		0.71	-0.06	1	1.42				
Extreme/Average													
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	90	50	70	73	-4	1.70	+1.01	1	3.48	86	67	76	0.18
Memphis	88	57	73	77	-4	1.45	+0.48	2	2.64				
Oxford	90	52	72	75	-3	0.48	-0.45	1	4.03				
Extreme/Average	90	50	71	75	-3	1.21	+0.35	1	3.38	86	67	76	0.18
3. Northeast													
Booneville	85	56	71	74	-3	0.71	-0.12	2	1.84				
Corinth	95	55	75	76	-1	1.20	+0.41	2	4.01				
Iuka													
Pontotoc	90	52	72	75	-3	0.14	-0.94	2	4.06	86	70	78	0.20
Tupelo	87	55	71	76	-5	0.69	-0.04	2	3.16				
Verona	91	55	73			0.86		2	1.09	91	68	78	0.21
Extreme/Average	95	52	72	75	-3	0.72	-0.14	2	2.83	91	68	78	0.20
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	92	58	76	77	-1	0.43	-0.36	1	2.50	96	79	87	
Greenwood	89	54	73	77	-5	0.18	-0.66	3	1.10				
Rolling Fork	94	57	76			0.57	+0.02	2	1.33	96	77	89	0.17
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	92	58	76	78	-3	0.55	-0.17	1	1.44				
Extreme/Average	94	54	75	78	-3	0.43	-0.30	2	1.59	96	77	88	0.17
5. Central													
Carthage	88	54	66	77	-11	0.00	-0.96	0	1.76				
Jackson	92	56	74	78	-4	0.63	-0.44	1	1.65				
Winona	88	51	70	75	-5	0.48	-0.48	1	2.30				
Extreme/Average	92	51	70	77	-7	0.37	-0.63	1	1.90				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	91	58	75			0.48	-0.31	3	2.18	81	70	76	
Columbus	93	57	74			0.93		3	3.24				
State University	92	51	72	78	-6	0.03	-0.93	1	1.71	89	65	78	
Extreme/Average	93	51	73	78	-5	0.48	-0.40	2	2.38	89	65	77	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs						0.70		2	1.45				
Natchez	91	56	75	79	-4	0.30	-0.68	1	0.80				
Oakley	93	51	73			1.10	+0.50	2	3.91	90	72	79	
Vicksburg	91	56	76			0.17		1	1.42				
Extreme/Average	93	51	74	79	-4	0.57	-0.22	2	1.90	90	72	79	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	92	59	76	79	-2	0.81	-0.34	1	1.22				
McComb	92	59	76	78	-1	0.84	-0.37	1	2.91				
Extreme/Average	92	59	76	78	-2	0.83	-0.35	1	2.07				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.07		1	0.62				
Hattiesburg	100	59	78	78	-1	0.24	-1.01	1	0.74				
Laurel													
Meridian	92	54	73	78	-4	0.89	+0.12	2	2.04				
Newton	91	53	74	76	-3	0.04	-0.71	1	1.87	85	68	77	0.17
Extreme/Average	100	53	75	78	-3	0.31	-0.61	1	1.32	85	68	77	0.17
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	94					0.00		0	1.00				
Biloxi	90	66	80			0.02		1	2.27				
Gulfport													
Pascagoula	88	63	76	80	-5	0.12	-0.81	1	1.05				
Poplarville	92	64	78	79	-1	0.00	-1.50	0	3.44	97	72	83	0.21
Extreme/Average	94	63	78	79	-2	0.04	-1.18	1	1.94	97	72	83	0.21
State	100	50	74	77	-3	0.57	-0.35	1	2.07	97	65	80	0.18

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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